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Letter dated 22 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued on 19 September 1994 by the Government of Colombia regarding the agreement reached between the representatives of the United States Government and the military authorities in Haiti (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Julio LONDOÑO
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ANNEX

Statement issued on 19 September 1994 by the Government of Colombia

The Government of Colombia welcomes the agreement reached yesterday between the representatives of the United States Government and the military authorities in Haiti, under which there will be a peaceful transfer of power to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The President of the United States, Bill Clinton, has achieved a triumph of major importance for the entire hemisphere by choosing the path of peaceful negotiation and securing the return of the President elected by popular vote, as requested by the Rio Group and other spokesmen throughout the continent.

The Government of Colombia, as announced some time ago, is prepared to work with the United States, the Organization of American States and other bodies on cooperation programmes aimed at rebuilding institutions, promoting economic development and combating poverty in Haiti.

Likewise, it reiterates its confidence in and commitment to the mechanisms for peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention, the full applicability of international law and cooperation among nations.